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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Indep. Claims	2	2	0	\$200.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dep. Claims	0	0	0	\$360.00	\$ 0.00
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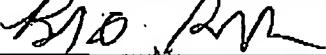
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has expressed the view that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species and has required, under 35 USC § 121, that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

In response to this requirement, the Applicant hereby elects species "b", as identified by the Examiner, without traverse. Claims 1-38 read on species "b". Species "b" includes all of the features of species "a" and additionally includes flanges 56", 58", 36", 37", 38" about its upper and lower apertures 50", 30".

The Applicant submits that claims 1-20 are generic to both of the species identified by the Examiner.

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AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.